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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 8957

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SUBJECT: UNHRC REPRESENTATIVE CRITICIZES TWO CHILEAN REFUGEES ON  
HUNGER STRIKE IN BRAZIL

REF: (A) BRASILIA 5566; (B) BRASILIA 6311

1. UNHRC LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE GUY PRIM CRITICIZED TWO CHILEAN REFUGEES ON A HUNGER STRIKE IN RIO DE JANEIRO LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO AN OCTOBER 29 FOLHA DE SAO PAULO ARTICLE, FOR WHAT HE TERMED THEIR "SELFISH AND EGOTISTICAL ATTITUDE THAT IS PREJUDICIAL TO THE OTHER 280 REFUGEES (WHO ARE IN BRAZIL), ASSISTED BY THE UN." THE TWO CHILEANS, EDUARDO PEREZ DE ARCE AND JUAN CARLOS SEPULVEDA, REPORTEDLY SAY THAT THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL THEY HAVE A FIRM DEPARTURE DATE FOR LEAVING BRAZIL, WHERE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK.

2. FOLHA ARTICLE ALSO SAID THAT PRIM DENIED EDUARDO PEREZ'S ACCUSATION THAT BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAD CLANDESTINELY DEPORTED TWO CHILEANS, AND NOTED THAT HE AND SEPULVEDA HAD INTERVIEWS  
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UPCOMING WITH THE CANADIAN CONSULATE IN RIO ON NOVEMBER 8 AND 9. PRIM REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING INTO THE SECURITY PROBLEMS OF ANOTHER UNNAMED REFUGEE, AND HAD PLACED A DOCTOR AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE TWO CHILEANS.

3. COMMENT. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFTELS, GOB IS SYMPATHETIC TO REFUGEE PLIGHT. GOB HAS BEEN PERMITTING SOUTHERN CONE REFUGEES TO

ENTER BRAZIL AND ASSISTING THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO OTHER  
COUNTRIES. SWEDISH EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS OCTOBER  
29 THAT SWEDES NOW HAD 200 CASES PENDING OF ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN  
REFUGEES IN BRAZIL SEEKING TO SETTLE IN SWEDEN. SWEDISH IMPRESSION  
LIKE OURS WAS THAT THE GOB IS PREPARED TO QUIETLY OFFER ASSISTANCE  
AS LONG AS THERE IS NO EXCESSIVE PUBLICITY WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO  
STRAINED RELATIONS WITH EITHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, OR ANTAGONIZE  
BRAZIL'S OWN HARDLINERS. SWEDISH EMBASSY ALSO SAW NO EVIDENCE OF  
REFOULEMENT BY THE GOB. WE BELIEVE PRIM'S PRIMARY CONCERN IN  
CRITICIZING CHILEANS IS THAT PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THEIR HUNGER  
STRIKE MIGHT CAUSE BGOB TO REASSESS ITS REFUGEE POLICY TO  
DETRIMENT OF OTHER REFUGEES IN COUNTRY.END COMMENT.  
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